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REPLY TO: **BURLINGTON OFFICE**

Hugh Martinez, Esq. United States Environmental Protection Agency John F. Kennedy Federal Building / SEL Boston, MA 02203

Re: Bennington Potters, Inc. / Bennington Landfill Superfund Site

Dear Mr. Martinez: (1998) (1998) (1998)

I represent Bennington Potters, Inc. and am responding to Mary Jane O'Donnell's November 12, 1996 letter to Mr. Richard Swenson (a copy of which is attached). My clients would be interested in finding out more about the PRP coalition to develop the proposed De Minimis Settlement and I therefore ask that this information and all future correspondence be addressed to me at the Burlington address above. I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Liam L. Murphy

LLM/psm **Enclosure**

David Gil, Bennington Potters, Inc. cc:

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November 12, 1996

Mr. Richard II. Swenson Bennington Potters, Inc. 324 County Street P.O. Box 199 Bennington, VT 05201-0199

RE: Final Settlement Opportunity; Bennington Landfill Superfund Site

Dear Mr. Richard H. Swenson:

EPA is encouraging your company to become part of the settlement for the Bennington Landfill Superfund Site. By joining the settlement, your company would gain protection from Superfund cost recovery actions that may be brought by EPA or other Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) against your company.

EPA is in the final stages of reaching an agreement with 17 PRPs at the Site that will resolve a substantial portion of these parties' liability and result in the performance of necessary response actions at the Site. The negotiations for the Site are expected to be completed by the end of 1996

EPA is also working with the PRP coalition to develop a De Minimis Settlement for those parties that meet the requirements for this type of settlement. By becoming part of the De Minimis settlement your company would resolve all liability that you have for the Site and would receive substantial protection from legal claims made by other parties.

It is imperative that your company contact EPA as soon as possible to take advantage of this opportunity.

Please contact either the project manager, Edward Hathaway, at (617) 573-5782, or have your attorney contact the EPA site attorney, Hugh W. Martinez, at (617) 565-4526, if you have questions or wish to participate in the settlement.

Sincerely,

CC:

Mary Jane O'Donnell, Chief
ME/VT/CT Superfund Section

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Enclosure: PRP list

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PRPs included in the negotiation coalition:

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Town of Bennington Eveready Globe/Johnson Controls Bijur Lubricating Textron/Ben Mont Bennington Iron Works U.S Tsubaki Chemical Fabrics CLR/Sibley Corp. Masco/Schmelzer Bennington College Triangle PWC TOA TV SW VT Medical Center Add/Heald VT Bag and Film Central VT Pub. Service

PRPs that are not ourrently participating in the negotiation/settlement process:

Lauzon Industries. Monument Plastics Creative Products Courtalds Bennington Banner Merril Transportation H.M Tuttle Company Monument Industries Vermont Tissue Paper Bennington Potters Berkshire Cleanway Bernie's Trucking Church Septic Wilson Trucking Eastern Mountain Transport Environmental Action Jack and Tom Sweet Ted Senegal



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